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Heraclitus Ridens:

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A Dialogue between Jeſt and Earneſt, concerning the Times.

Tueſday, March 22. 1681.

Jeſt *reading* Sham-Jeſt *and* Earneſt, *Numb.* 6.

Jeſt. HEy-day! what's here to do? *Ego non ſum Ego!* my Man *Cununcrum Thingham* ſwears he is I: This is the very perfection of Shamming! What? Spirit away a mans Name and his Perſon, and perſuade him he is not himſelf, this is ſuch a trick of Tranſubſtantiation, I vow, that I cannot tell how a man ſhall believe his ſenſes hereafter.

Earneſt. Who comes here? pray Sir, are you your ſelf, or the other Mr. *Jeſt?*

Jeſt. Well! I find he was a Wiſe man that ſaid it was the moſt difficult thing to know himſelf; why Sir I cannot tell you yet; but pray Sir an you go to that, who are you? Mr. *Goodman Earneſt*, or Mr. *Sham Earneſt*.

Earneſt. Come leave your trifling, and make a candid and ingenuous Confeſſion; are you *Smith*, *Harris* and *Cares* Jeſt? for if you be, I muſt deal freely with you, I do not like you, you are a mere Tool, and of the worſt ſort a dull-edge Tool.

Jeſt. Let me ſee, have not you the ſign of the Mitre upon your foot? if you have a club-foot or a cloven-foot, I'l have nothing to do with you, I like no ſuch Earneſt I aſſure you, I know not what will be the end on't.

Earneſt. But I can help you to an acquaintance of *Ben. Harris*'s who has the gift of Propheſie: a certain Officer, who being about to put his place in his pocket, told *Ben.* that as a Friend he would adviſe him to leave his fooling, for otherwiſe he ſhould before he ſold his place, have the honour to attend him to the Neck-ſtocks; and lo! even as he ſaid, ſo it came to paſs; and as he was paying him theſe reſpects, he gave *Ben.* a ſecond warning: *Ben.* quoth he, beware! for I fear I ſhall the next time attend you to higher preferment before I ſell my place; ſo that you ſee here is a plain Propheſie what will be the end on't.

Jeſt. Nay, if you be for Propheſies I'l fit you; look you here is a Propheſie which was found by a zealous Knight, as he was riding muſing to *Rumford*, to get his Breech new bottom'd, which ſpeaks as plain as any Propheſie of a thouſand years old, made a week ago can do: I'le bet ten to one on the head of the *Rumford* Propheſie againſt *Merlin* reviv'd, which ſeven years ago was found in *Pontefract* Caſtle, that has not been ſtanding this 20 years.

The Knight of *Rumfords* Propheſie.

1640.

When M. D. C. *joyn's* X. *and* L.
Then ſhall ariſe a Monſter fell.
Kytes ſhall rule, and Foxes preach;
Then Geeſe beware an over-reach.

1648.

When V. *to theſe ſhall add three* I's,
The feet above the head ſhall riſe;
Then Gentle-folk and ſimple the
Shall ſigh, and ſob, and wail, and ſhreek,
A Kirk ſhall ſwallow up a Church,
But ſhall at laſt be left in lurch.

1660.

For X. *joyn'd with* M. D. C. L.
Shall bring in C. *in ſpight of Hell.*

1680.

Who when two XX's *more are plain,*
Two PP's *diſturb his happy Reign.*
Vulcan *ſhall ride an* Elephant,
And Caſtle *him for to ſupplant:*
Vulcan *beware, for fear you ſwing,*
And go to Pluto *in a ſtring!*
Great ſtirs by fits, made by two Harris,
Till one or both a Wood-Nymph *marries:*
A Dog ſhall bark, Oh what a Cur'tis!
Goats milk, with Care, *ſhall make him ſquirt his*
Wits; then in a certain Town,
Star, key, *and* Mitre *ſhall go down.*
And if a City built of bricks,
Shall follow Jeroboam's *tricks;*
Rebel and worſhip Golden Calves,
To mend what's but reform'd by halves:
Some ſhall be wiſe, ſome otherwiſe,
And Knaves with duſt ſhall cure fools eyes.
Some ſhall get, and ſome ſhall loſe
Woodcocks and Weathercocks ſhall nooſe.
A Knight ſhall wear anothers Wife,
But loſe his Miſtreſs and his life.
Heads ſhall fall, and heads ſhall riſe,
And have a care old Rumford *cries.*
If a Cock to England *come,*
Without his Comb he ſhall go home.
And who till 83 *ſhall live,*
Shall England *ſee begin to thrive:*
Italian *and* Lake Lemans PP's.
And Ind. *and* An. *and* Qu's. *ſhall leeſe.*
Great C. *ſhall Rule, and all obey,*
And far and near he ſhall bear ſway.

Earn. Well ſo much by the way of Propheſie: What any more Addreſſes from the *Mint?*

Jeſt. Why do you think they'l give over coyning, and waſhing, and clipping, and filing, and hammering, ſo long as they are ſure to be ſaved harmleſs by Mr. *Ignoramus*, they think the Devil will always ſit at their door; and having his word for their ſecurity, they defie Mr. *Law* and Mr. *Juſtice*, *Cook* and *Littleton*, and all their works.

Earn. But me-thinks the Major and his Brethren

of

of *Colcheſter* have almoſt ſpoild their trade of ſelling Bays and Says, they ſay they knew nothing of the matter of the Printed Addreſs.

Jeſt. Why? it was not fit they ſhould, ſo long as all the Nation knew it; a Cuckold is always to be laſt man that knows he has got a *Suſſex* Creſt.

Earn. Speed'em with their fair game, I have only a few Collections of Statutes to recommend to their conſideration, to put into their next Addreſſes for their future ſecurity; they are very prejudicial to the liberty of the Subject in ſpreading of falſe news, which tends much to the Uniting Proteſtants, the preſervation of his Majeſties perſon, and the good of the King and Kingdom, 1 *Ed.* 1. *c.* 33. 2 *R.* 2. *c.* 25. 12 *R.* 2. *c.* 11. 1 *Eliz. c.* 7.

Jeſt. Come I do not like theſe muſty worm-eaten Records, let's go to the throwing of Snow-balls, that's extraordinary in this month of *March*, and will look like a ſtrange thing, and the People ſtand winking and gaping for ſtrange news, that it would pity your heart to ſee them.

Earn. Then have among you Blind-harpers, and happy men catch a Mackerel. 1. Whether the Author of the Diſloyalty of 40. and 41. and the Loyalty of 80. Printed by *S. S.* who ſtroaks the men of 80. upon the heads with ſo ſoft and gentle a hand, either has not a ſoft place in his own head, or takes thoſe whom he would inform to have one.

Jeſt. 2. Whether his, *Alas!* pag. 2. *'twas not* 41. *which ruined the Kingdom and pulled down Monarchy, 'twas the* After-ſpawn *that got life through war and Blood: (for moſt of thoſe perſons that at firſt were active againſt evil Counſellors, and for redreſs of the Peoples Grievances, when they ſaw things carried to extremity and beyond the intention of their Loyalty, either left of themſelves, or were ſecluded by theſe Traytors that run to the* Achme *of Treaſon not to be named, and which all true Engliſhmen hope may never be acted on the* Engliſh *Stage to contract* Guilt *and* Odium *on the Nation*) be not ſpeaking truth without intending it?

Earn. 3. This Quere is full of ſpawn, come let's Anatomiſe this Porpoiſe, and print Cutts of it, in Imitation of the *Greſhamites*, we ſhall get ſubſcriptions I warrant you. Whether then the After-ſpawn who ruin'd the Kingdom, and pull'd down the Monarchy, were not Independents, Anabaptiſts, Fift-Monarchiſts, Quakers, Seekers, Ranters, Atheiſts, Papiſts; and whether theſe are Fiſh or Fleſh, or good red-herrings? Or rather whether ever a barrel among them be better Herring than another, and fit for the pickle of a Toleration?

Jeſt. Stay, take me along with you. 4. Whether an ill Egg does not come of an ill Bird; and whether if Presbytery ſpawnd all theſe Vipers that eat their way through her bowels; we have not reaſon when we ſee her look big again with 41. Loyalty againſt evil Counſellors, and pretended grievances, to fear that ſhe will ſpawn a new brood of *Achme* Traitors, in Engliſh, top and top-gallant Villains, Rebels and Regicides?

Earn. 5. Whether it be not more prudent, and leſs difficult to prevent a miſchief than get out of it; and not to let this After-ſpawn kindle again by a new War and Brood, under the ſame pretences of Evil Counſellors and Grievances, and whether thoſe who raiſe the Clamors are not full of this dangerous after-ſpawn, and the greateſt grievances of the Nation?

Jeſt. 6. Whether the active Loyalty of 40 and 1 Gent. againſt Evil Counſellors and Grievances, was not managed by the Rules of *Phrygian* policy, who are famous to Poſterity for being wiſe, when it is too late, even to a Proverb, *ſero ſapiunt Phryges*; and whether it is not a great Recommendation and example worthy of our imitation, to be twice fool'd by the ſame Cheat, the better to demonſtrate our Wiſdom and Loyalty, by being ſecluded, or leaving the *Achme* Traitors to finiſh a Rebellion with Treaſon not to be named, which was begun by active Loyalty againſt Evil Counſellors and Grievances.

Earn. 7. Whether they that firſt cut the banks with active Loyalty in 41. or they that drowned the Nation in blood and miſery, were not equally guilty, the one at leaſt of a dangerous Folly, and the other of the moſt horrid Treaſon?

Jeſt. 8. Whether what all true *Engliſh* men hope, will never be again Acted on the Stage, to contract Guilt and Odium on the Nation, all true *Engliſh* men have not reaſon to fear, and are not bound by all lawful ways and means to endeavour to prevent?

Earn. 10. Whether it will be any comfort to the men of active 41. Loyalty, when they ſee things carried to extremity beyond the intention of their Loyalty to be again ſecluded by the Achme Traytors, or by voluntary leaving of them, to leave their Heads upon *Tower-Hill*, as Sir *Alexand. Carew*, and the two unfortunate *Hothams* did?

Jeſt. 11. Whether he was not a cunning-pated Poll, who having talk'd more than came to his ſhare, cried, *Mutiny dear Country-men, Mutiny, or I ſhall be hang'd.*

Earn. 12. Whether all the notorious lies which the two Anab. Proteſtant Intelligencers, and the Mayor of *Goatham* have publiſhed, be not irrefragable arguments of a Conſcience as tender as a red hot iron can make it? and whether the great works of ſupererogation in perſecuting the Government, rowing like Slaves in the barge of Sedition, does not intitle them to the Popes Indulgence, and *Colemans* Toleration.

Jeſt. 3. Whether a Gooſe has any ſoul upon *Michaelmas* day, or Diſſenting Proteſtants any Conſcience all the year long; who to have their wills of the Church of *England*, would have all Sects tolerated by Law, and have authentick liberty to go to the Devil, whither they all ſay thoſe who are not of their true Church muſt go *Cum privilegio?* but the Plates, the plates, here are a world of Subſcribers.

Earn. Then here are the Propoſitions.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

1. *The Maſſacre of* Paris, *and the triumphs of the* Anabaptiſts *at* Munſter. 2. *The Rebellion in* Ireland, *where* 2000 0 *were murdered by* Papiſts, *and the Rebellion in* England *and* Sotland, *where twice as many* Proteſtants *were deſtroyed by* Achme *Traytors that called themſelves true* Proteſtants, *and a King into the bargain.* 3. Jeſuits, Monks, *and* Friers *picking pockets by Pardons and Indulgences; and true* Proteſtant *Schiſmaticks borrowing upon the Public Faith, Plundring, Sequeſtring, Fining, Decimating, Taxing, Exciſing, to fight againſt their lawful Sovereign.* 4 Jeſuits *Plotting at a Conſult to ſubvert the Government, and Schiſmaticks with their hands liſt up to Heaven, taking the Solemn League and Covenant to do the ſame, engaging againſt the King and Houſe of Lords, ſwearing and forſwearing themſelves for Conſcience ſake.* 5. Cromwel *threatning to fire the City, and riding through the ſtreets, crying,* Cuckolds keep your Houſes; *his* Anab. *and* Independent *Troopers cutting and ſlaſhing all that durſt peep out to affront the Godly; the* Jeſuits *and* Fift-Monarchy *men firing the City in* 1666. 6. *The* Spaniſh *Inquiſition for* Jews *and* Proteſtants; *and the* Engliſh *Inquiſition for* Malignants *&* Delinquents, *the* Tower, Fleet, *&c. full of true Loyal Proteſtants.* 7. *The Pope drawing up two Buckets full of Gold and Silver out of a Well, and ſaying, It is botto nleſs; and a Water-mill of thorough Reformation grinding* Liberty *and* Property *into Breeches Money, driven by a ſtream of the Tears of Widows and Orphans, mingled with the blood of their Husbands, Fathers, and Friends, ſlain and murdered by the Rebels.* 8. Smithfield-*Fires, and* Tower-Hill *and* Whitehall *Scaffolds,* Thomſon *and* Challonor, *and a thouſand other Gibbets.* 9. *The* Papiſts *mumbling Maſſes, and the Reforming Troops turning* St. Pauls *into a ſtable and an Exchange, making the Houſe of Prayer not only a houſe of Merchandiſe but a Den of Thieves; offering the incenſe of* Virginia, *and the drink-offering of the Bottle to their Idol of the Long-ſword.* 10. Independents *triumphing over the poor* Presbyters, *cutting off Dr.* Loves *Head, deriding Sir* Symon Synod, *the* Aſs Divines, *and their Son* Presbyter Jack; Liberty of Conſcience, *with a Wind-mill in each hand, a large one upon a hill on her back, a Weather-cock on her head, and ſtanding upon the wheel of Fortune; every ſpoak of which is marked with a point of the Compaſs, and the name of a Sect: the* Jeſuit *peeping behind a Curtain, and ſaying,* This will do our buſineſs; if we can but divide, we doubt not but to deſtroy the Church of *England.*

Loſt, *Apr.* 1. 1680. A Mathematical Rolling-pin; If any perſon have found it, they are deſired to reſtore it to the *Proteſtant Joyner*, and he will pay them ſufficiently for their pains, as Mr. *P.* of the Commons will engage for him.

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